

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A printing system comprising:
 - a print control device;
 - a network interface device for connecting the print control device to a network;
 - an information processing device that is connected to the print control device through an interface different from the network interface device;
 - an input unit for inputting a print instruction for printing configuration information of the network interface device according to a user operation;
 - an acquisition unit, arranged in the print control device, for acquiring the configuration information of the network interface device from the network interface device when the print instruction is input;
 - a transmitting unit for transmitting the configuration information acquired by the acquisition unit from the print control device to the information processing device through the interface different from the network interface device; and
 - a generating unit, arranged in the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information transmitted from the transmitting unit.
2. (Previously Presented) A printing system according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a command transmitting unit for transmitting, from the information processing device to the print control device, a command to acquire the configuration information in response to the print instruction; and
 - a print data transmitting unit for transmitting the print data generated by the generating unit from the information processing device to the print control device through the interface different from the network interface device.
3. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the acquisition unit transmits a signal to the network interface device through a

dedicated signal line to acquire the configuration information of the network interface device.

4. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, further comprising, in the network interface unit, a configuration information generator for generating the configuration information in a predetermined format,

wherein the acquisition unit acquires the configuration information set in the predetermined format.

5. (Previously Presented) A printing system comprising:

a print control device;

a network interface device for connecting the print control device to a network;

an information processing device that is connected to the network;

an input unit for inputting a print instruction for printing configuration information of the network interface device according to a user operation;

an acquisition unit, arranged in the information processing device, for acquiring the configuration information of the network interface device from the network interface device through the network when the print instruction is input; and

a generating unit, arranged in the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information acquired by the acquisition unit.

6. (Previously Presented) A printing system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a command transmitting unit for transmitting, from the information processing device to the network interface device, a command to acquire the configuration information in response to the print instruction;

a first print data transmitting unit for transmitting the print data generated by the generating unit from the information processing device to the network interface device through the network; and

a second print data transmitting unit for transmitting, from the network interface device to the print control device, the print data transmitted from the first print data transmitting unit.

7. (Original) A printing system according to claim 5, further comprising a generator, arranged in the network interface device, for generating the configuration information in a predetermined format,

wherein the acquisition unit acquires the configuration information set in the predetermined format.

8. (Previously Presented) A printing method for printing configuration information of a network interface device that connects a print control device to a network, the printing method comprising:

an inputting step for inputting a print instruction for printing configuration information of the network interface device according to a user operation;

an acquisition step, performed by the print control device, for acquiring the configuration information of the network interface device from the network interface device when the print instruction is input;

a transmitting step for transmitting the configuration information acquired in the acquisition step from the print control device to an information processing device through an interface different from the network interface device;

a generating step, performed by the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information transmitted in the transmitting step;

a print data transmitting step for transmitting the print data generated in the generating step from the information processing device to the print control device through the interface different from the network interface device; and

a printing step for printing the print data transmitted in the print data transmitting step.

9. (Previously Presented) A printing method for printing configuration information of a network interface device that connects a print control device to a network, the printing method comprising:

an inputting step for inputting a print instruction for printing configuration information of the network interface device according to a user operation;

an acquisition step, performed by an information processing device, for acquiring the configuration information of the network interface device from the network interface device through the network when the print instruction is input;

a generating step, performed by the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information acquired in the acquisition step;

a first print data transmitting step for transmitting the print data generated in the generating step from the information processing device to the network interface device through the network;

a second print data transmitting step for transmitting the print data, transmitted in the first print data transmitting step, from the network interface device to the print control device; and

a printing step for printing the print data transmitted in the second print data transmitting step.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for causing a computer to print configuration information of a network interface device that connects a print control device to a network, the computer program comprising program codes for performing:

an inputting step for inputting a print instruction for printing the configuration information of the network interface device according to a user operation;

an acquisition step for acquiring, through an interface different from the network interface device, the configuration information of the network interface device from the print control device that has acquired the configuration information when the print instruction is input; and

a generating step for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information acquired in the acquisition step.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to claim 10, further comprises program code for performing a display step for displaying one of a button and a menu, each commanding a printing of the configuration information of the network interface device when a connection of the network interface device to the print control device is detected.

12. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for causing a computer to print configuration information of a network interface device that connects a print control device to a network, the computer program comprising program codes for performing:

an inputting step for inputting a print instruction for printing the configuration information of the network interface device according to a user operation;

an acquisition step, performed by an information processing device, for acquiring the configuration information of the network interface device from the network interface device through the network when the print instruction is input; and

a generating step, performed by the information processing device, for generating print data representing the configuration information of the network interface device based on the configuration information acquired in the acquisition step.

13. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium according to claim 12, further comprises program code for performing a display step for displaying one of a button and a menu, each commanding a printing of the configuration information of the network interface device when a connection of the network interface device to the print control device is detected.